

FOR THE COMMANDER:

All Maxwell/Gunter Personnel/Residents:

RE: Hurricane KATRINA

The Wing Commander has declared HURCON IV. Units should review HURCON IV checklists and unit specific guidance. Maxwell/Gunter should assume we may reach higher HURCON levels at short notice and prepare accordingly.

Hurricane KATRINA is expected to make a second landfall on the eastern Gulf Coast. Current storm track projections indicate the storm could pass as close as 77 miles to MAFB with approximately 35-43 MPH winds Monday, 29 Aug, at approximately 1700L.

Prior to leaving work today, Maxwell/Gunter personnel should secure computers, i.e., unplug, move away from windows and cover with plastic.

Support personnel need to remain on standby in the event the storm worsens and greater base preparation is needed.

Maxwell/Gunter personnel should play close attention to weather conditions as these projections can rapidly change.

In the event conditions *worsen*, make appropriate preparations.

- Bring outdoor furniture, potted plants, children's toys, decorations, BBQ grills, etc. inside. In short, anything that could become a dangerous projectile by powerful winds must be made secure. Don't forget outside trash cans.
- Housing residents are asked to assist neighbors who may not be in the area in securing their residences. (i.e. storing outside furniture, taking down flags and securing garbage cans)
- Acquire a supply of drinking water and non-perishable food. When shopping for food, be sure to purchase items which do not require cooking or refrigeration since power outages are virtually certain in the wake of this storm.
- Since your residential water supply may be interrupted, it is a good idea to fill available drinking water containers such as empty plastic milk jugs, soda, juice bottles and bathtubs prior to the storm since that water, while not recommended for drinking, can be used for washing and a half-gallon or so poured from a pail into the bowl will serve to flush the toilet.
- Acquire working flashlights and a sufficient supply of batteries. A portable battery operated radio is also recommended. Candles are helpful, but never leave them unattended and be sure to observe normal safety precautions to ensure they do not become hazards in the home.
- Since gas stations require electrical power to pump fuel, you should fill your vehicles in advance of the storm.
- If members of your family require prescription medications, try to ensure you have an ample supply on hand in advance of the storm since pharmacy operations could be suspended for a period.
- For those with infants or small children, have an ample supply of baby formula, diapers, etc. on hand.

- Your children may become quite apprehensive at the approach of the storm. Further, actual storm conditions can, to be blunt, scary even for adults. Take time now to reassure children that everything possible is being done to ensure their safety and we will all get through this together.
- Members who reside in mobile homes should plan to seek accommodations elsewhere during the storm. AU students living in mobile homes or RV's should attempt to arrange accommodations with classmates.
- Normal work operations are anticipated for Monday. If conditions change, personnel should monitor local media for base status (closure, delayed reporting, modified services, etc.)